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13 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

14 VERONICA MCLEOD, individually and as  
15 successor in interest to decedent, DOLORES  
16 HERNANDEZ; AMADO HERNANDEZ,  
17 individually and as successor in interest to  
decedent, DOLORES HERNANDEZ; and  
YSIDRA REGALDO, individually,

18 Plaintiffs,

19 vs.

20 CITY OF REDDING; GARRETT  
21 MAXWELL, an individual; MATTHEW  
22 BRUCE, an individual; and DOES 2-10,  
inclusive,

23 Defendants.

24 Case No. 2:22-cv-00585-WBS-JDP

25 *Honorable William B. Shubb*

26 **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED JURY  
INSTRUCTIONS**

27 Trial: September 10, 2024

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1 **TO THE HONORABLE COURT, ALL PARTIES, AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF**  
2 **RECORD:**

3 Plaintiffs Veronica McLeod and Amado Hernandez hereby submit their Proposed Jury  
4 Instructions, pursuant to Local Rule 163 and this Court's July 3, 2024, Pretrial Conference Order.

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6 Respectfully submitted,

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 1**

2                   Duty of Jury

3                 Members of the Jury: Now that you have heard all of the evidence and the arguments of  
4 the attorneys, it is my duty to instruct you on the law that applies to this case.

5                 A copy of these instructions will be sent to the jury room for you to consult during your  
6 deliberations.

7                 It is your duty to find the facts from all the evidence in the case. To those facts you will  
8 apply the law as I give it to you. You must follow the law as I give it to you whether you agree  
9 with it or not. And you must not be influenced by any personal likes or dislikes, opinions,  
10 prejudices, or sympathy. That means that you must decide the case solely on the evidence before  
11 you. You will recall that you took an oath to do so.

12                 Please do not read into these instructions or anything that I may say or do or have said or  
13 done that I have an opinion regarding the evidence or what your verdict should be.

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15 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 1.4

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 2**

2                   Claims and Defenses

3                   To help you follow the evidence, I will give you a brief summary of the positions of the  
4 parties:

5                   This case arises out of a December 2, 2020, encounter between Dolores Hernandez and  
6 City of Redding police officers during which Dolores Hernandez died. The plaintiffs are Dolores  
7 Hernandez's adult children, Veronica McLeod and Amado Hernandez. The defendants are the  
8 City of Redding and City of Redding police officers Garret Maxwell and Matthew Bruce.

9                   The plaintiffs contend that Officer Maxwell and Officer Bruce unreasonably detained  
10 Dolores Hernandez and used unreasonable force against her, including deadly force. The plaintiffs  
11 also contend that Officer Maxwell and Officer Bruce were negligent in their conduct towards  
12 Dolores Hernandez. The plaintiffs are seeking damages as permitted by law.

13                  The defendants deny these claims. The defendants contend that Officer Maxwell and  
14 Officer Bruce's seizure of Dolores Hernandez and subsequent uses of force against her were  
15 reasonable under the circumstances.

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17                  Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 1.5 (modified to add claims  
18 and defenses relevant to this case).

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 3**

2                   Burden of Proof

3       When a party has the burden of proving any claim by a preponderance of the evidence, it  
4 means you must be persuaded by the evidence that the claim is more probably true than not true.

5       You should base your decision on all of the evidence, regardless of which party presented  
6 it.

7       Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 1.6.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 4**

2                   Two or More Parties—Different Legal Rights

3                   You should decide the case as to each party separately. Unless otherwise stated, the  
4 instructions apply to all parties.

5                   Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 1.8.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 5**

2                   What is Evidence

3                   The evidence you are to consider in deciding what facts are consists of:

- 4                   1. The sworn testimony of any witnesses;
- 5                   2. The exhibits that are admitted into evidence;
- 6                   3. Any facts to which the lawyers have agreed or stipulated; and
- 7                   4. Any facts that I may instruct you to accept as proved.

8                   Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 1.9 (modified to add "or  
9                   stipulated" to the third factor).

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 6**

2                   What is Not Evidence

3                   In reaching your verdict, you may consider only the testimony and exhibits received into  
4 evidence. Certain things are not evidence, and you may not consider them in deciding what the  
5 facts are. I will list them for you:

- 6                   (1) Arguments and statements by lawyers are not evidence. The lawyers are not  
7                   witnesses. What they have said in their opening statements, closing arguments and  
8                   at other times is intended to help you interpret the evidence, but it is not evidence.  
9                   If the facts as you remember them differ from the way the lawyers have stated  
10                  them, your memory of them controls.
- 11                  (2) Questions and objections by lawyers are not evidence. Attorneys have a duty to  
12                  their clients to object when they believe a question is improper under the rules of  
13                  evidence. You should not be influenced by the objection or by the court's ruling on  
14                  it.
- 15                  (3) Testimony that is excluded or stricken, or that you have been instructed to  
16                  disregard, is not evidence and must not be considered. In addition, some evidence  
17                  was received only for a limited purpose; when I have instructed you to consider  
18                  certain evidence only for a limited purpose, you must do so, and you may not  
19                  consider that evidence for any other purpose.
- 20                  (4) Anything you may have seen or heard when the court was not in session is not  
21                  evidence. You are to decide the case solely on the evidence received at the trial.

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23                  Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 10.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 7**

2                   Direct and Circumstantial Evidence

3                   Evidence may be direct or circumstantial. Direct evidence is direct proof of a fact, such as  
4 testimony by a witness about what that witness personally saw or heard or did. Circumstantial  
5 evidence is proof of one or more facts from which you could find another fact. You should  
6 consider both kinds of evidence. The law makes no distinction between the weight to be given to  
7 either direct or circumstantial evidence. It is for you to decide how much weight to give to any  
8 evidence.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 8**

2                   Ruling on Objections

3                   There are rules of evidence that control what can be received into evidence. When a lawyer  
4 asks a question or offers an exhibit into evidence and a lawyer on the other side thinks that it is not  
5 permitted by the rules of evidence, that lawyer may object. If I overrule the objection, the question  
6 may be answered or the exhibit received. If I sustain the objection, the question cannot be  
7 answered, and the exhibit cannot be received. Whenever I sustain an objection to a question, you  
8 must ignore the question and must not guess what the answer might have been.

9                   Sometimes I may order that evidence be stricken from the record and that you disregard or  
10 ignore that evidence. That means when you are deciding the case, you must not consider the  
11 stricken evidence for any purpose.

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13 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 1.13.

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## **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 9**

## Credibility of Witnesses

In deciding the facts in this case, you may have to decide which testimony to believe and which testimony not to believe. You may believe everything a witness says, or part of it, or none of it.

6 In considering the testimony of any witness, you may take into account:

- 7       (1) the opportunity and ability of the witness to see or hear or know the things testified  
8                  to;  
9       (2) the witness's memory;  
10      (3) the witness's manner while testifying;  
11      (4) the witness's interest in the outcome of the case, if any;  
12      (5) the witness's bias or prejudice, if any;  
13      (6) whether other evidence contradicted the witness's testimony;  
14      (7) the reasonableness of the witness's testimony in light of all the evidence; and  
15      (8) any other factors that bear on believability.

Sometimes a witness may say something that is not consistent with something else he or she said. Sometimes different witnesses will give different versions of what happened. People often forget things or make mistakes in what they remember. Also, two people may see the same event but remember it differently. You may consider these differences, but do not decide that testimony is untrue just because it differs from other testimony.

21        However, if you decide that a witness has deliberately testified untruthfully about  
22 something important, you may choose not to believe anything that witness said. On the other  
23 hand, if you think the witness testified untruthfully about some things but told the truth about  
24 others, you may accept the part you think is true and ignore the rest.

25 The weight of the evidence as to a fact does not necessarily depend on the number of  
26 witnesses who testify. What is important is how believable the witnesses were, and how much  
27 weight you think their testimony deserves.

1 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 1.14.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 10**

2                   Conduct of Jury

3                   I will now say a few words about your conduct as jurors.

4                   First, keep an open mind throughout the trial, and do not decide what the verdict should be  
5 until you and your fellow jurors have completed your deliberations at the end of the case.

6                   Second, because you must decide this case based only on the evidence received in the case  
7 and on my instructions as to the law that applies, you must not be exposed to any other  
8 information about the case or to the issues it involves during the course of your jury duty. Thus,  
9 until the end of the case or unless I tell you otherwise:

10                  Do not communicate with anyone in any way and do not let anyone else communicate with  
11 you in any way about the merits of the case or anything to do with it. This includes discussing the  
12 case in person, in writing, by phone, tablet, or computer, or any other electronic means, via email,  
13 text messaging, or any internet chat room, blog, website or application, including but not limited  
14 to Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat, Tiktok, or any other forms of  
15 social media. This applies to communicating with your fellow jurors until I give you the case for  
16 deliberation, and it applies to communicating with everyone else including your family members,  
17 your employer, the media or press, and the people involved in the trial, although you may notify  
18 your family and your employer that you have been seated as a juror in the case, and how long you  
19 expect the trial to last. But, if you are asked or approached in any way about your jury service or  
20 anything about this case, you must respond that you have been ordered not to discuss the matter  
21 and report the contact to the court.

22                  Because you will receive all the evidence and legal instruction you properly may consider  
23 to return a verdict: do not read, watch or listen to any news or media accounts or commentary  
24 about the case or anything to do with it[,although I have no information that there will be news  
25 reports about this case]; do not do any research, such as consulting dictionaries, searching the  
26 Internet, or using other reference materials; and do not make any investigation or in any other way  
27 try to learn about the case on your own. Do not visit or view any place discussed in this case, and  
28 do not use the Internet or any other resource to search for or view any place discussed during the

1 trial. Also, do not do any research about this case, the law, or the people involved—including the  
2 parties, the witnesses or the lawyers—until you have been excused as jurors. If you happen to read  
3 or hear anything touching on this case in the media, turn away and report it to me as soon as  
4 possible.

5 These rules protect each party's right to have this case decided only on evidence that has  
6 been presented here in court. Witnesses here in court take an oath to tell the truth, and the accuracy  
7 of their testimony is tested through the trial process. If you do any research or investigation  
8 outside the courtroom, or gain any information through improper communications, then your  
9 verdict may be influenced by inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information that has not been  
10 tested by the trial process. Each of the parties is entitled to a fair trial by an impartial jury, and if  
11 you decide the case based on information not presented in court, you will have denied the parties a  
12 fair trial. Remember, you have taken an oath to follow the rules, and it is very important that you  
13 follow these rules.

14 A juror who violates these restrictions jeopardizes the fairness of these proceedings. If any  
15 juror is exposed to any outside information, please notify the court immediately.

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17 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 1.15.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 11**

2                   No Transcript Available to Jury

3                   I urge you to pay close attention to the trial testimony as it is given. During deliberations  
4 you will not have a transcript of the trial testimony.

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6 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 1.17.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 12**

2                   Taking Notes

3                 If you wish, you may take notes to help you remember the evidence. If you do take notes,  
4 please keep them to yourself until you go to the jury room to decide the case. Do not let notetaking  
5 distract you. When you leave, your notes should be left in the courtroom. No one will read your  
6 notes.

7                 Whether or not you take notes, you should rely on your own memory of the evidence.  
8 Notes are only to assist your memory. You should not be overly influenced by your notes or those  
9 of other jurors.

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11 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 13**

2                   Bench Conferences and Recesses

3                   From time to time during the trial, it became necessary for me to talk with the attorneys out  
4 of the hearing of the jury, either by having a conference at the bench when the jury was present in  
5 the courtroom, or by calling a recess. Please understand that while you were waiting, we were  
6 working. The purpose of these conferences is not to keep relevant information from you, but to  
7 decide how certain evidence is to be treated under the rules of evidence and to avoid confusion  
8 and error.

9                   Of course, we have done what we could to keep the number and length of these  
10 conferences to a minimum. I did not always grant an attorney's request for a conference. Do not  
11 consider my granting or denying a request for a conference as any indication of my opinion of the  
12 case or of what your verdict should be.

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14 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 14**

2                   Stipulations of Fact

3                   The parties have agreed to certain facts that will be read to you. You must therefore treat  
4                   these facts as having been proved.

- 5                   (1)       This incident occurred on December 2, 2020, in the City of Redding, California.
- 6                   (2)       Defendant City of Redding is a municipal entity, a political subdivision of the  
7                   State of California.
- 8                   (3)       At all relevant times during the incident, Officer Maxwell and Officer Bruce were  
9                   acting within the course and scope of their employment as officers for the City of  
10                  Redding Police Department.
- 11                  (4)       At all relevant times during the incident, Officer Maxwell and Officer Bruce were  
12                  acting under color of law.

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14                  Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 2.2.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 15**

2                   Expert Opinion

3                   You have heard testimony from [name] who testified about their opinions and the reasons  
4 for those opinions. This opinion testimony is allowed, because of the specialized knowledge, skill,  
5 experience, training, or education of this witness.

6                   Such opinion testimony should be judged like any other testimony. You may accept it or  
7 reject it and give it as much weight as you think it deserves, considering the witness's specialized  
8 knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education, the reasons given for the opinion, and all the  
9 other evidence in the case.

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11 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 2.13.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 16**

2                   Charts and Summaries Not Received in Evidence

3                   Certain charts and summaries not admitted into evidence have been shown to you in order  
4 to help explain the contents of books, records, documents, or other evidence in the case. Charts  
5 and summaries are only as good as the underlying evidence that supports them. You should,  
6 therefore, give them only such weight as you think the underlying evidence deserves.

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8 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 2.14.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 17**

2                   Section 1983 Claim—Introductory Instruction

3                   The plaintiffs bring claims under federal statute, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which provides that any  
4 person or persons who, under color of state law, deprives another of any rights, privileges, or  
5 immunities secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States shall be liable to the injured  
6 party.

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8 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 9.1.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 18**

2                   Section 1983 Claims Against Defendant in Individual Capacity—Elements and Burden of Proof

3                   In order to prevail on a § 1983 claim against defendants Officer Bruce and/or Officer  
4 Maxwell, the plaintiffs must prove each of the following elements by a preponderance of the  
5 evidence:

- 6                   1.       The defendant acted under color of state law; and  
7                   2.       The acts of the defendant deprived Dolores Hernandez of particular rights under the  
8                   United States Constitution as explained in later instructions; and  
9                   3.       The defendant's conduct was an actual cause of the claimed injury.

10                  A person acts "under color of state law" when the person acts or purports to act in the  
11 performance of official duties under any state, county, or municipal law, ordinance or regulation.  
12 The parties have stipulated I instruct you that Officer Maxwell and Officer Bruce acted under  
13 color of state law.

14                  The defendant's conduct is an actual cause of a plaintiff's injury only if the injury would  
15 not have occurred 'but for' that conduct, and the conduct has a sufficient connection to the result.

16                  If you find the plaintiffs have proved each of these elements, and if you find that the  
17 plaintiffs have proved all the elements the plaintiffs are required to prove under Instructions 19, 20  
18 and 21, your verdict should be for the plaintiffs. If, on the other hand, you find that the plaintiffs  
19 have failed to prove any one or more of these elements, your verdict should be for the defendant.

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21                  Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 9.3 (modified to replace  
22 "plaintiff" with "Dolores Hernandez" in element 2).

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**PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 19**

#### **Fourth Amendment—Unreasonable Seizure of a Person—Generally**

3 As previously explained, the plaintiffs have the burden of proving that the acts of the  
4 defendants Officer Maxwell and Officer Bruce deprived Dolores Hernandez of particular rights  
5 under the United States Constitution. In this case, the plaintiffs allege defendants Officer Maxwell  
6 and Officer Bruce deprived Dolores Hernandez of her rights under the Fourth Amendment to the  
7 Constitution when Officer Bruce approached her vehicle and struck her driver's side window  
8 several times with his baton while Officer Maxwell approached her rear tire and stabbed it several  
9 times with his knife.

Under the Fourth Amendment, a person has the right to be free from an unreasonable seizure of her person. In order to prove the defendants deprived Dolores Hernandez of this Fourth Amendment right, the plaintiffs must prove the following additional elements by a preponderance of the evidence:

- 14       1. Officer Bruce and/or Officer Maxwell seized Dolores Hernandez's person;  
15       2. in seizing the Dolores Hernandez's person, Officer Bruce and/or Officer Maxwell  
16                  acted intentionally; and  
17       3. the seizure was unreasonable.

18 A defendant “seizes” Dolores Hernandez’s person when he restrains her liberty through  
19 coercion, physical force or a show of authority. A person’s liberty is restrained when, under all of  
20 the circumstances, a reasonable person would not have felt free to ignore the presence of law  
21 enforcement officers and to go about her business.

In determining whether a reasonable person in Dolores Hernandez's position would have felt free to leave, consider all of the circumstances, including:

- 24       1. the number of officers present;  
25       2. whether weapons were displayed;  
26       3. whether the encounter occurred in a public or nonpublic setting;  
27       4. whether the officer's manner would imply that compliance would be compelled; and  
28       5. whether the officers advised the plaintiff that she was free to leave.

1       A person acts “intentionally” when the person acts with a conscious objective to engage in  
2 particular conduct. It is not enough to prove that the defendant negligently or accidentally engaged  
3 in that action. But while the plaintiffs must prove that the defendant intended to act; the plaintiffs  
4 need not prove that the defendant intended to violate Dolores Hernandez’s Fourth Amendment  
5 rights.

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7 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 9.20 (modified to replace “the  
8 plaintiff” with “Dolores Hernandez” in appropriate places).

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**PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 20**

## **Fourth Amendment—Unreasonable Seizure of a Person—Exception to Warrant Requirement—**

Terry Stop

In general, a seizure of a person for an investigatory stop is reasonable if, under all of the circumstances known to the officers at the time:

1. the officers had a reasonable suspicion that the person seized was engaged in criminal activity; and
  2. the length and scope of the seizure was reasonable.

In order to prove the seizure in this case was unreasonable, the plaintiffs must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the officers lacked reasonable suspicion to stop Dolores Hernandez or that the length or scope of the stop was excessive.

“Reasonable suspicion” is a particularized and objective basis for suspecting Dolores Hernandez of criminal activity. The officer are permitted to draw on their own experience and specialized training to make inferences from and deductions about the cumulative information available to them.

In determining whether the length or scope of the seizure was reasonable, consider all of the circumstances, including:

- (1) the intrusiveness of the stop, such as the methods the police used, the restriction on Dolores Hernandez's liberty, and the length of the stop; and
  - (2) whether the methods used were reasonable under the circumstances.

Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 9.21 (modified to replace “plaintiff” with “Dolores Hernandez” in appropriate places).

## **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 21**

## Fourth Amendment—Unreasonable Seizure of a Person—Exception to Warrant Requirement— Probable Cause Arrest

In general, a seizure of a person by arrest without a warrant is reasonable if the arresting officers had probable cause to believe Dolores Hernandez has committed or was committing a crime.

In order to prove the seizure in this case was unreasonable, the plaintiffs must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that Dolores Hernandez was arrested or attempted to be arrested without probable cause.

“Probable cause” exists when, under all of the circumstances known to the officers at the time, an objectively reasonable police officer would conclude there is a fair probability that the plaintiff has committed or was committing a crime.

13        Although the facts known to the officer are relevant to your inquiry, the officer's intent or  
14 motive is not relevant to your inquiry.

16     Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 9.23 (modified to replace  
17     “plaintiff” with “Dolores Hernandez” in appropriate places).

1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 22**

2                   Battery by Law Enforcement Officer (Nondeadly Force)—Essential Factual Elements

3                   The plaintiffs claim that Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce harmed Dolores Hernandez  
4 by using reasonable force to arrest or detain her. To establish this claim, the plaintiffs must prove  
5 all of the following:

- 6                   1. That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce intentionally touched Dolores Hernandez  
7                   or caused Dolores Hernandez to be touched;
- 8                   2. That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce used unreasonable force on Dolores  
9                   Hernandez;
- 10                  3. That Dolores Hernandez did not consent to the use of that force;
- 11                  4. That Dolores Hernandez was harmed; and
- 12                  5. That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce's use of unreasonable force was a  
13                   substantial factor in causing Dolores Hernandez's harm.

14                  A police officer may use reasonable force to arrest or detain a person when the officer has  
15 reasonable cause to believe that that person has committed a crime.

16                  In deciding whether Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce used unreasonable force, you  
17 must consider the totality of the circumstances and determine what amount of force a reasonable  
18 police officer in Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce's position would have used under the same  
19 or similar circumstances. "Totality of the circumstances" means all facts known to the officer at  
20 the time, including the conduct of Officer Maxwell, Officer Bruce, and Dolores Hernandez leading  
21 up to the use of force. You should consider, among other factors, the following:

- 22                  (a) Whether Dolores Hernandez reasonably appeared to pose an immediate threat to the  
23                   safety of Officer Maxwell and/or Bruce or others;
- 24                  (b) The seriousness of the crime at issue; and
- 25                  (c) Whether Dolores Hernandez was actively resisting detention or arrest or attempting to  
26                   evade detention or arrest.

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28                  Source: CACI 1305A.

1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 23**

2                   Battery by a Peace Officer (Deadly Force)—Essential Factual Elements

3                   A peace officer may use deadly force only when necessary in defense of a human life. The  
4 plaintiffs claim that Officer Maxwell unnecessarily used deadly force on Dolores Hernandez. To  
5 establish this claim, the plaintiffs must prove all of the following:

- 6                   1. That Officer Maxwell intentionally shot Dolores Hernandez;  
7                   2. That Officer Maxwell used deadly force on Dolores Hernandez;  
8                   3. That Officer Maxwell's use of deadly force was not necessary to defend human life;  
9                   4. That Dolores Hernandez was harmed; and  
10                  5. That Officer Maxwell's use of deadly force was a substantial factor in causing Dolores  
11                  Hernandez's harm.

12                  Officer Maxwell's use of deadly force was necessary to defend human life only if a  
13 reasonable officer in the same situation would have believed, based on the totality of the  
14 circumstances known to or perceived by Officer Maxwell at the time, that deadly force was  
15 necessary to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm to Officer Maxwell  
16 and/or Officer Bruce.

17                  A person being arrested or detained has a duty not to use force to resist the peace officer  
18 unless the peace officer is using unreasonable force.

19                  “Deadly force” means any use of force that creates a substantial risk of causing death or  
20 serious bodily injury, including, but not limited to, the discharge of a firearm.

21                  A threat of death or serious bodily injury is “imminent” when, based on the totality of the  
22 circumstances, a reasonable officer in the same situation would believe that a person has the  
23 present ability, opportunity, and apparent intent to immediately cause death or serious bodily  
24 injury to the peace officer or another person. An imminent harm is not merely a fear of future  
25 harm, no matter how great the fear and no matter how great the likelihood of the harm, but is one  
26 that, from appearances, must be instantly confronted and addressed.

27                  “Totality of the circumstances” means all facts known to the peace officer at the time,  
28 including the conduct of Officer Maxwell, Officer Bruce, and Dolores Hernandez leading up to the

1 use of deadly force. In determining whether Officer Maxwell's use of deadly force was necessary  
2 in defense of human life, you must consider Officer Maxwell and Officer Bruce's tactical conduct  
3 and decisions before Officer Maxwell used deadly force on Dolores Hernandez and whether  
4 Officer Maxwell used other available resources and techniques as alternatives to deadly force, if it  
5 was reasonably safe and feasible to do so.

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7 Source: CACI 1305B.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 24**

2                   Causation—Substantial Factor

3                   A substantial factor in causing harm is a factor that a reasonable person would consider to  
4 have contributed to the harm. It must be more than a remote or trivial factor. It does not have to be  
5 the only cause of the harm.

6                   Conduct is not a substantial factor in causing harm if the same harm would have occurred  
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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 25**

2                   Causation—Multiple Causes

3                   A person's conduct may combine with another factor to cause harm. If you find that  
4 Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce's conduct was a substantial factor in causing Dolores  
5 Hernandez's harm, then Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce is responsible for the harm. Officer  
6 Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce cannot avoid responsibility just because some other person,  
7 condition, or event was also a substantial actor in causing Dolores Hernandez's harm.

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9 Source: CACI 431 (modified by replacing "negligence" for "conduct" as this instruction is  
10 applicable to Plaintiffs' battery and negligence claim).

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 26**

2                   Negligence—Essential Factual Elements

3                   The plaintiffs claim that Dolores Hernandez was harmed by Officer Maxwell and/or  
4                   Officer Bruce's negligence. To establish this claim, the plaintiffs must prove all of the following:

- 5                   1. That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce was negligent;
- 6                   2. That Dolores Hernandez was harmed; and
- 7                   3. That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce's negligence was a substantial factor in causing  
8                   Dolores Hernandez's harm.

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**PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 27**

Negligent Use of Nondeadly Force by Law Enforcement Officer in Arrest or Other Seizure—  
Essential Factual Elements

A law enforcement officer may use reasonable force to arrest or detain a person when the officer has reasonable cause to believe that that person has committed or is committing a crime. However, the person may only use that degree of force necessary to arrest or detain the person.

The plaintiffs claim that Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce was negligent in using unreasonable force to arrest or detain Dolores Hernandez. To establish this claim, the plaintiffs must prove all of the following:

1. That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce used force to arrest or detain Dolores Hernandez;
  2. That the amount of force used by Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce was unreasonable;
  3. That Dolores Hernandez was harmed; and
  4. That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce's use of unreasonable force was a substantial factor in causing Dolores Hernandez's harm.

In deciding whether Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce used unreasonable force, you must consider the totality of the circumstances to determine what amount of force a reasonable officer in Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce's position would have used under the same or similar circumstances. "Totality of the circumstances" means all facts known to the officer at the time, including the conduct of Officer Maxwell, Officer Bruce, and Dolores Hernandez leading up to the use of force. Among the factors to be considered are the following:

- 22 (a) Whether Dolores Hernandez reasonably appeared to pose an immediate threat to the  
23 safety of Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce or others;

24 (b) The seriousness of the crime at issue;

25 (c) Whether Dolores Hernandez was actively resisting detention or arrest or attempting to  
26 avoid detention or arrest by flight; and

27 (d) Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce's tactical conduct and decisions before using  
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1 Source: CACI 440.

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**PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 28**

## Negligent Use of Deadly Force by Peace Officer—Essential Factual Elements

A peace officer may use deadly force only when necessary in defense of human life. The plaintiffs claim that Officer Maxwell was negligent in using deadly force to arrest or detain Dolores Hernandez. To establish this claim, the plaintiffs must prove all of the following:

- 6       1. That Officer Maxwell was a peace officer;

7       2. That Officer Maxwell used deadly force on Dolores Hernandez;

8       3. That Officer Maxwell's use of deadly force was not necessary to defend human

9 life;

10      4. That Dolores Hernandez; and

11      5. That Officer Maxwell's use of deadly force was a substantial factor in causing

12 Dolores Hernandez's harm

Officer Maxwell's use of deadly force was necessary to defend human life only if a reasonable officer in the same situation would have believed, based on the totality of the circumstances known to or perceived by Officer Maxwell at the time, that deadly force was necessary either: to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to Officer Maxwell or other officers.

“Deadly force” is force that creates a substantial risk of causing death or serious bodily injury. It is not limited to the discharge of a firearm.

A threat of death or serious bodily injury is “imminent” if, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable officer in the same situation would believe that a person has the present ability, opportunity, and apparent intent to immediately cause death or serious bodily injury to the peace officer or to another person. An imminent harm is not merely a fear of future harm, no matter how great the fear and no matter how great the likelihood of the harm, but is one that, from appearances, must be instantly confronted and addressed.

“Totality of the circumstances” means all facts known to or perceived by the peace officer at the time, including the conduct of Officer Maxwell, Officer Bruce, and Dolores Hernandez leading up to the use of deadly force. In determining whether Officer Maxwell’s use of deadly

1 force was necessary in defense of human life, you must consider Officer Maxwell and Officer  
2 Bruce's tactical conduct and decisions before the use of deadly force on Dolores Hernandez and  
3 whether Officer Maxwell used other available resources and techniques as alternatives to deadly  
4 force, if it was reasonably safe and feasible to an objectively reasonable officer.

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6 Source: CACI 441 (modified “you must consider [defendant’s] tactic conduct and decisions before  
7 using deadly force on [plaintiff]” to “you must consider Officer Maxwell *and* Officer Bruce’s  
8 tactical conduct and decisions before the use of deadly force on Dolores Hernandez”).

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 29**

2                   Bane Act—Essential Factual Elements (Cal Civ. Code § 52.1)

3                   The plaintiffs claim that Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce intentionally interfered  
4 with or attempted to interview with Dolores Hernandez's civil rights by threats, intimidation, or  
5 coercion. To establish this claim, the plaintiffs must prove all of the following:

- 6                   1.       That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce acted violently against Dolores  
7 Hernandez and/or Dolores Hernandez's property to prevent her from exercising her right to be free  
8 from unreasonable detention, arrest, or force;
- 9                   2.       That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce intended to deprive Dolores Hernandez  
10 of her right to be free from unreasonable detention, arrest, or force by demonstrating a reckless  
11 disregard of Dolores Hernandez's constitutional rights;
- 12                  3.       That Dolores Hernandez was harmed; and
- 13                  4.       That Officer Maxwell and/or Officer Bruce's conduct was a substantial factor in  
14 causing Dolores Hernandez's harm.

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16                  Source: CACI 3066 (modified second factor to reflect holding in *Reese v. Cnty. of Sacramento*,  
17 888 F.3d 103 (9th Cir. 2018) that a specific intent may be shown by a reckless disregard for the  
18 subject's constitutional rights); *Reese v. Cnty. of Sacramento*, 888 F.3d 103, 1045 (9th Cir. 2018).

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 30**

2                   Vicarious Liability—Introduction

3                   The City of Redding is responsible for harm caused by the wrongful conduct of its  
4 employees while acting within the scope of their employment. The parties have stipulated that  
5 Officer Maxwell and Officer Bruce was acting within the scope of their employment at the time of  
6 the incident.

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8 **Source:** CACI 3700 (modified to add the parties' stipulated fact that the officers were acting  
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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 31**

2                   Damages—Proof and Type

3                   It is the duty of the Court to instruct you about the measure of damages. By instructing  
4 you on damages, the Court does not mean to suggest for which party your verdict should be  
5 rendered.

6                   If you find for the plaintiffs on any of their claims, you must determine the plaintiffs'  
7 damages. The plaintiffs have the burden of proving damages by a preponderance of the evidence.  
8 Damages means the amount of money that will reasonably and fairly compensate Dolores  
9 Hernandez and/or the plaintiffs for any injury you find was caused by the defendants.

10                  When determining the Dolores Hernandez's damages, you should consider the following:

- 11                  1. The nature and extent of the injuries;  
12                  2. The mental, physical, and emotional pain and suffering experienced;  
13                  3. The emotional distress experienced; and  
14                  4. The loss of life and loss of enjoyment of life.

15                  When determining Plaintiffs Veronica McLeod and Amado Hernandez's damages, you  
16 should consider the following:

- 17                  1. The loss of Dolores Hernandez's love, companionship, comfort, care, assistance,  
18                      protection, affection, society, moral support; and  
19                  2. The loss of Dolores Hernandez's training and guidance.

20                  It is for you to determine what damages, if any, have been proved.

21                  Your award must be based upon evidence and not upon speculation, guesswork or  
22 conjecture.

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24                  Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions Nos. 5.1, 5.2; 3905A; 3921  
25 (modified to combine factors from both the Ninth Circuit model instructions and Judicial Council  
26 of California Civil Jury Instructions).

1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 32**

2                   Punitive Damages—Predicate Question

3                   Conduct is malicious if it is accompanied by ill will, or spite, or if it is for the purpose of  
4                   injuring the decedent. Conduct is in reckless disregard of the plaintiff's rights if, under the  
5                   circumstances, it reflects complete indifference to the plaintiff's safety or rights, or the individual  
6                   defendant acts in the face of a perceived risk that its actions will violate the plaintiff's rights under  
7                   federal law. An act or omission is oppressive if the individual defendant injures or damages or  
8                   otherwise violates the plaintiff's rights with unnecessary harshness or severity, such as by the  
9                   misuse or abuse of authority or power or by the taking advantage of some weakness or disability  
10                  or misfortune of the plaintiff.

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12                  Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 5.5 (modified to include only  
13                  relevant portion for predicate question).

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 33**

2                   Duty to Deliberate

3                   Before you begin your deliberations, elect one member of the jury as your presiding juror.  
4                   The presiding juror will preside over the deliberations and serve as the spokesperson for the jury  
5                   in court.

6                   You shall diligently strive to reach agreement with all of the other jurors if you can do so.  
7                   Your verdict must be unanimous.

8                   Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but you should do so only after you have  
9                   considered all of the evidence, discussed it fully with the other jurors, and listened to their views.

10                  It is important that you attempt to reach a unanimous verdict but, of course, only if each of  
11                  you can do so after having made your own conscientious decision. Do not be unwilling to change  
12                  your opinion if the discussion persuades you that you should. But do not come to a decision  
13                  simply because other jurors think it is right, or change an honest belief about the weight and effect  
14                  of the evidence simply to reach a verdict.

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16                  Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 3.1

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 34**

2                   Consideration of Evidence—Conduct of the Jury

3                   Because you must base your verdict only on the evidence received in the case and on these  
4 instructions, I remind you that you must not be exposed to any other information about the case or  
5 to the issues it involves. Except for discussing the case with your fellow jurors during your  
6 deliberations:

7                   Do not communicate with anyone in any way and do not let anyone else communicate with  
8 you in any way about the merits of the case or anything to do with it. This includes discussing the  
9 case in person, in writing, by phone, tablet, computer, or any other means, via email, via text  
10 messaging, or any internet chat room, blog, website or application, including but not limited to  
11 Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat, TikTok, or any other forms of social  
12 media. This applies to communicating with your family members, your employer, the media or  
13 press, and the people involved in the trial. If you are asked or approached in any way about your  
14 jury service or anything about this case, you must respond that you have been ordered not to  
15 discuss the matter and to report the contact to the court.

16                  Do not read, watch, or listen to any news or media accounts or commentary about the case  
17 or anything to do with it, although I have no information that there will be news reports about this  
18 case; do not do any research, such as consulting dictionaries, searching the Internet, or using other  
19 reference materials; and do not make any investigation or in any other way try to learn about the  
20 case on your own. Do not visit or view any place discussed in this case, and do not use Internet  
21 programs or other devices to search for or view any place discussed during the trial. Also, do not  
22 do any research about this case, the law, or the people involved—including the parties, the  
23 witnesses or the lawyers—until you have been excused as jurors. If you happen to read or hear  
24 anything touching on this case in the media, turn away and report it to me as soon as possible.

25                  These rules protect each party's right to have this case decided only on evidence that has  
26 been presented here in court. Witnesses here in court take an oath to tell the truth, and the  
27 accuracy of their testimony is tested through the trial process. If you do any research or  
28 investigation outside the courtroom, or gain any information through improper communications,

1 then your verdict may be influenced by inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information that has  
2 not been tested by the trial process. Each of the parties is entitled to a fair trial by an impartial  
3 jury, and if you decide the case based on information not presented in court, you will have denied  
4 the parties a fair trial. Remember, you have taken an oath to follow the rules, and it is very  
5 important that you follow these rules.

6 A juror who violates these restrictions jeopardizes the fairness of these proceedings, and a  
7 mistrial could result that would require the entire trial process to start over. If any juror is exposed  
8 to any outside information, please notify the court immediately.  
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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 35**

2                   Communication with Court

3                   If it becomes necessary during your deliberations to communicate with me, you may send  
4 a note through the marshal, signed by your presiding juror or by one or more members of the jury.  
5 No member of the jury should ever attempt to communicate with me except by a signed writing; I  
6 will communicate with any member of the jury on anything concerning the case only in writing, or  
7 here in open court. If you send out a question, I will consult with the parties before answering it,  
8 which may take some time. You may continue your deliberations while waiting for the answer to  
9 any question. Remember that you are not to tell anyone—including me—how the jury stands,  
10 numerically or otherwise, until after you have reached a unanimous verdict or have been  
11 discharged.

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13 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 3.3.

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1                   **PLAINTIFFS' PROPOSED INSTRUCTION NO. 36**

2                   Return of Verdict

3                   A verdict form has been prepared for you. After you have reached unanimous agreement  
4 on a verdict, your presiding juror should complete the verdict form according to your  
5 deliberations, sign and date it, and advise the bailiff that you are ready to return to the courtroom.

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7 Source: Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions No. 3.5.

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